

As an Extra Class license holder, I have reviewed the ARRL band refarming proposal and enthusiastically endorse it. Sufficient time has passed since the license class restructuring to assess impact on amateur operations. The ARRL has studied usage patterns, polled the amateur community, carefully considered future needs, and produced a recommendation that is a significant step forward in improving the usability of the amateur spectrum. This proposal is of necessity a compromise. Consensus is only rarely achievable even in very small groups and is astronomically improbable in populations as large as the amateur community. I strongly urge the FCC to accept the ARRL recommendation as representing the needs of a very significant majority of the amateur population and to approve it as proposed. Thank you.